

# CRUSADER

Vol. 9, No. 14 Serving the 98th ASG and the 235th, 279th, 280th and 417th BSBs – Army communities of excellence July 20, 2001

Ansbach • Bad Kissingen • Bamberg • Giebelstadt • Illesheim • Kitzingen • Schweinfurt • Wuerzburg

**Children give up Pokemon, cartoons for summer camp**

See Page 4

## Register for school

Register your children for the 2001-2002 school year. Registration is required to attend school and is important to determine student to teacher ratios. You can register your children at your area school on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact your local school, or call 355-8761 or (09321) 300640 for details.

## Get training



Cowan

The 98th ASG Provost Marshal Office, or PMO, offers educational training on proper identification and installation of child restraints. The training is open to the community. MSgt. Dale Cowan, PMO, is available to check anyone's child restraint system upon request. He is certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or NHTSA, as a child passenger safety technician. For more information, call 351-4729 or (0931) 2964729.

## Plan on traveling?

When military personnel, family members and civilian employees exit or re-enter Germany from traveling abroad, they are required to have a Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA, stamp in their passport. This stamp can be obtained through your local passport office, or call 1st PERSCOM at 379-7768.

## Apply for scholarship

Harvard University recently announced the receipt of a scholarship fund intended to benefit undergraduates who have served in the military or who come from military families. Those who have served in the military, as well as children of military families, will be considered for the scholarship. Harvard College has a need-blind admissions policy. Harvard admits students regardless of financial circumstances and meets the full financial need of each student who qualifies for aid. For more information on applying to Harvard, write to Harvard College, Admissions and Financial Aid, Byerly Hall, 8 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; or visit the web site at [www.harvard.edu](http://www.harvard.edu).

## Passport law in place

Since July 2, the Department of State implements a new law regarding passport applications of U.S. citizens under age 14. Under this new law, a person applying for a U.S. passport for a child under 14 must demonstrate that both parents consent to the issuance of a passport to the child or that the applying parent has sole authority to obtain the passport. Exceptions to this requirement may be made in special family circumstances or exigent circumstances necessitating the immediate travel of the child.

In order to bring age requirements into alignment, the age at which a minor may execute his or her own passport application has been raised from 13 to 14.

In Germany both civilian and military applicants for minor passports should visit <http://www.usembassy.de>.

## Case lot sale set

Save from 24% to 50% off on 57 different products at commissary case lot sales throughout the 98 ASG Sept. 7-8 in Illesheim and Sept. 8-9 everywhere else.

## Visit showcase

Attend the 417th BSB community Showcase opposite the Leighton Fitness Center on Leighton Barracks, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call, 355-1550 or (09321) 3051550.

## Catch that dragon by the tail

Under the supervision of their parents and library staff, children from the Schweinfurt community create bookmarks to kick off the summer reading program in the newly renovated Ledward Library. This year, the program is called "Catch a Dragon by the Tail" and is open to children between ages 3 and 10. Children can try to catch that dragon Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. until August 6. In addition to reading and using their new bookmarks, participants are working on arts and crafts projects this summer.



Mark Heeter

## Collector's spunk spurs art empire Bamberg exhibitions bring art to life

by Cheryl Boujnida  
CRUSADER

There's a fiery boldness in the heart of every collector.

In Richard Mayer's case, his affinity for Spanish art ignited a passion that has enabled him to amass the largest collection of Salvador Dali illustrations in Central Europe.

Mayer doesn't play favorites though. He has an eclectic assemblage of medieval icons, rare religious art, works by seventh-century Dutch masters, graphics by Francisco de Goya, late 19th-century German neo-impressionists and 20th-century surrealists that adorn the walls of Bamberg's Boettingerhaus.

Located on Juden Street, the Boettingerhaus is Mayer's residence and Europe's largest most well preserved example of baroque architecture. There is no finer setting for fine art.

In terms of collecting, Mayer's most impressive works, in relation to size, reflect his admiration of Spanish art and comprise approximately 1,500 Dalis. The collection spans 50 years from the 1930s to the 1970s and ranges from watercolors, etchings, paintings, porcelain and illustrations to literature and book covers written and designed by Dali.

"I've never really counted all of the Dali works in my collection," Mayer sheepishly said. His modesty is almost overwhelming for some-

one who has managed to accumulate such a wealth of scarce artworks.

Raised in simple surroundings in Bamberg, Mayer developed a fondness for beautiful objects. His finesse and indiscriminating eye for collecting art came from several sources. A Munich gallery owner schooled a younger Mayer in the basics of collecting icons. Mayer explained that working in a gallery was important because he learned to train himself to recognize quality in art.

The other influence was Dali himself. "I knocked on Dali's door in Port Lligat in the 1960s and asked for an appointment. I was on his calendar the next day," he said.

Using as many European phrases as he could conjure, he and Dali became acquaintances. Later, Dali convinced Mayer to open his own gallery and devote himself primarily to dealing in his works. Naturally Dali would benefit from the initiative, but Mayer was inspired and content to go it on his own.

"My intentions for collecting were never governed by a commercial basis. I like to collect interesting works of art," Mayer said. Today, not many artists or dealers would tolerate a man of small means working his way into the gallery profession. But, Dali allowed Mayer to postpone payment for many pieces until after they were sold.

See COLLECTOR on Page 12



Cheryl Boujnida

Richard Mayer stands in a doorway entering into his Italian-style garden.

## Education goes online

University of Maryland Release

The University of Maryland offers a new 50-50 plan with 50 percent of the courses online and 50 percent in a face-to-face, classroom format.

Starting in August, counseling students have more options in pursuing a master's degree or taking individual courses with the new plan.

Meeting the needs of busy adults, Maryland already offers the 50-50 format to graduate students in the management information systems and public administration programs.

"With the advent of the 50-50 plan, students in many communities no longer need to travel for their entire degree program," said Dr. Joe Shapiro, director of Maryland in Europe's Graduate Programs, himself a counseling educator.

Each course currently required for degree completion will be offered once more in a face-

to-face format. Students beginning the program prior to 1 August 2001 can take advantage of this opportunity.

Maryland strongly encourages all students to begin or expand their distance education experience.

As a result of the 50-50 plan, more military communities will now be able to benefit directly from services provided through the counseling program.

Students will be able to complete their counseling practice and internships at counseling agencies in a larger number of military communities.

Students interested in learning more about Maryland in Europe's 50-50 counseling program can visit the web site at [www.ed.umuc.edu/grad/caps](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/grad/caps), or call 370-6762 or e-mail [50-50counseling@ed.umuc.edu](mailto:50-50counseling@ed.umuc.edu).

## Community focus

**Nine out of 10 adults say they pray. These are the things that they pray for most often.**

- Our families 98%
- World's children 81%
- World peace 77%
- Co-workers 69%



Source: Yankelovich Partners By: Olivia Feher for Lutheran Brotherhood

# The next Crusader issue date is Aug. 31





The first impressions are the ones that stay with you

In the last week I've been visiting our communities, meeting soldiers, families and civilians, both American and German, who make this such a great place to live and serve in. What I've seen so far has only confirmed my first impression that base support and quality of life standards of excellence are set in the 98th ASG.


We are an organization that has a worldwide reputation for excellence, so my first message is simple. I want to continue our missions and operations to the standards set by all of you. I want to maintain that cycle of excellence.

Taking care of soldiers and families is an area of special interest to me. Every soldier, family member and employee should know that I strongly believe families are the foundation


on which strong communities are built. By taking care of families, we can then focus on our missions.

There are many challenges on the horizon that will call on all of us to put forth our best efforts. I know that the professionals in our headquarters and base support battalions will meet these challenges. Working together, we can make anything happen.

Team of Teams!

  
**DENNIS W. DINGLE**  
Colonel, Air Defense Artillery  
98th Area Support Group Commander

Thumbs up – Thumbs down

 Thumbs up to **the person who found my mom's car and house keys.** I lost them on my way home from baseball practice. I looked for them everywhere and couldn't find them. This kind person took the time to turn them in and was an answer to our prayers. Thank you.

Ryan Mann, Wuerzburg

Thumbs up to **Capt. Christopher Donnelly, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery,** for all of your support to the family readiness group during your tenure. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Angela Matson, Kitzingen

Thumbs up to **Jamie Raffini, School Age Services Coordinator in Kitzingen,** for helping my daughter get to and from summer camp to the CDC.

Stasi Bennett, Wuerzburg

Thumbs up to **Deborah Roth, Caren Nieto, and all the wonderful children from Bamberg Elementary School** who provided a \$150 check to the Babies Emergency Nutrition Program. Also a big thank you to the **Bamberg Warrant Officers' Association** for their generous donation.

Betsy Powell, Bamberg

Thumbs up to the **280th BSB office automation staff Rachelle Brown, Stacy Stoltz, and Reiner Günther.** They are always helpful when we have computer problems and provide excellent customer service.

Public Affairs Office, Schweinfurt

Thumbs up to the Kitzingen Elementary School teacher **Ms. Loomis** for her hard work and dedication, and for going above and beyond to help those in need.

Paola Boatner, Kitzingen

Thumbs up to **Sabine Sutton and the Katterbach Fire Department** for their extra effort in making our housing community a safer place. Thank you for your dedication.

The occupants of building t-5938, Katterbach

Thumbs up to **vet assistant Christina Smith and the entire staff at the Bamberg Veterinary Clinic** for all their support in getting our dogs shipped here from the United States. They brought my family back together.

Spec. Eric and Danielle Sorenson, Bamberg

Thumbs up to **Kim Anderson, Ray Walker, and Vernon Bishop at the Wuerzburg Commissary** for helping me with my hurt grandson. I also want to thank publicly all of those strangers who offered to assist us.


Archie Tucker, Wuerzburg

Thumbs up to **1st Sgt. Thomas Gordon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Giebelstadt Army Airfield,** for your encouraging words and endless support over the past year. You are one of the best first sergeants I have had the pleasure to work with.

Sgt. Raymond Lyman, Giebelstadt

Thumbs up to the **Schweinfurt Military Police** who were so helpful after my car blew a gasket on the autobahn. I want to thank the police officer on duty that day who waited with me until the ADAC arrived. His presence was a comfort.

Sharon Hill, Schweinfurt

 Thumbs down to the **owner/driver of the green Ford Mustang** for not having any consideration of others when they parked in front of the Bamberg Auto Craft Shop car wash during the morning of June 29 and then did not remove the vehicle until 11:30 a.m. This action violated all parking regulations on the installation.

Jose A. Mendez, Bamberg

Thumbs down to **the principal and staff of Rainbow Elementary** in Ansbach. At this year's Volksmarch, I was told that strollers were not allowed and to go home. I was very hurt. I did in fact attend, but only after a parent stopped me and said it was okay. There were other parents with strollers and we had a good time. For future Volksmarches, strollers should not be a concern, but welcomed.

Jackie Ettles, Ansbach

Thumbs down to **all the employees of Baskin Robins in the snack bar on Ledward Barracks.** On June 16, I went to pick up an ice cream cake I had previously ordered for my daughter. The lettering on the cake was terrible. The whole sentence was misspelled. In addition, when I asked if I could have a replacement they did not want to give me anything. I had to argue so much before I got a discount. This is very bad customer service.

Nancy Villanueva, Ledward Barracks

Thumbs down to **those responsible for traffic coordination** during the Schweinfurt fest. The exit gate should have been closed at 6 p.m. and the east gate left opened for convenience. Twice I've come on post and left shortly after 6 p.m. when there were 30 cars in line to leave post. It took a half an hour.

Nathan Greer, Schweinfurt

Thumbs down to **SATO Travel and SIXT Car Rental on Leighton Barracks.** They are rude and act as if they are doing you a favor instead of treating people respectfully and as a paying customer. They need customer service training desperately.

Cathy McKern, Giebelstadt

Thumbs down to **the person who may have found a necklace that I lost recently.** The necklace has significant emotional value. You might have my necklace, but it will never be yours.

Cindi McClain, Kitzingen

\* \* \*

"Thumbs up-Thumbs down" is about people who do a good job. It's also about people who need to be more considerate of others. This column is not about institutions, units, agencies or situations that could be subject to legal action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Submissions must be brief and include the writer's name and telephone number. The identity of the submitter will be published along with the comments.

Send comments to Thumbs Up-Thumbs down: CRUSADER; 98th ASG PAO; Unit 26622; APO AE 09244. Or bring them to room 216, building 208, Faulenberg Kaserne, Wuerzburg. Phone in submissions will not be accepted.

Street talk: What do you plan to do with your second tax return?

Photos by CRUSADER staff



SFC Yolanda Molden-Sanders, Senior Food Operations Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Katterbach

"I plan to make a large payment on my credit card. That will take almost all of it."



Amber Stanford, family member, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, Warner Barracks, Bamberg

"With our second tax return money, my husband has promised to buy me a ring. It will be a present well worth waiting for."



Joy Marie Conner, 280th BSB Community Recreation Division, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt

"We'll spend it. We haven't really even thought about it yet because we're just waiting to see how big it will be. Then we'll go ahead and plan once we have it."



Spec. John Stone, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Giebelstadt Army Airfield

"We are going to use the extra money to pay off a bill and some credit cards, and then, I think we will take off for the weekend and have some fun."



Meisha Sponholtz, family member, Headquarters Supply Company, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, Katterbach

"We plan to use it as spending money when we go home on leave to see our families."



Kim Biggins, family member, Company C, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery (MLRS), Warner Barracks, Bamberg

"I'm going to use it to travel around Europe and visit Spain, Italy, and France – without my kids. I think I need a vacation from them."



Manuela Palma, United Service Organization, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt

"You know, I just found out about it. I didn't know we were even getting this refund. But we have our daughter and granddaughter coming over to visit. Our granddaughter is 18 months old, so we're going to spoil her."



Sgt. Clint Black, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, Giebelstadt Army Airfield

"I am going to take my wife on a well deserved vacation. Since we live in Germany, it's the perfect place to take a second honeymoon. She does so much for me, it will be great to do something for her."

CRUSADER

Ansbach • Bad Kissingen • Bamberg • Giebelstadt • Illesheim • Kitzingen • Schweinfurt • Wuerzburg

Producer: **MILCOM Advertising Agency**  
Roswitha Lehner  
Zeilaeckerstrasse 35 • 92637 Weiden  
Telefax (0961) 67050-32  
Internet: **www.milcom.de**

Free classifieds (0931) 2964397 • Fax Crusader (0931) 2964626

The "CRUSADER" is an authorized unofficial newspaper, published every two weeks under the provisions of AR 360-1 for the members of the 98th Area Support Group. The "CRUSADER" is a commercial enterprise newspaper printed by the "MILCOM Advertising Agency", a private firm, in no way connected with the United States Government or Department of Defense. The contents of the "CRUSADER" do not necessarily reflect the official views or endorsement of the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army or the 98th Area Support Group. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense. Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit characteristic of the purchaser, user or patron. Circulation is 21,000 copies per issue. Editorial content is provided, prepared and edited by the Public Affairs Office of the 98th Area Support Group. The 98th ASG hot line is 351-4800 or (0931) 296-4800. The editorial offices are located in building 208, Faulenberg Kaserne, Wuerzburg, telephone 351-4564 or (0931) 2964564. Mailing address: Editor – The CRUSADER, 98th ASG-PAO, Unit 26622, APO AE 09244. email: fehero@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil

The Ansbach, editorial office is located in building 5257, Barton Barracks, Ansbach, telephone 468-7649 or (0981) 183649. The Bamberg editorial office is located in building 7089, Warner Barracks, Bamberg, telephone 469-7581 or (0951) 3007581. The Kitzingen editorial office is located in building 145, Harvey Barracks, telephone 355-8575 or (09321) 305575. The Schweinfurt editorial office is located in Robertson Hall, Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt, telephone 354-6381 or (09721) 966381.

98th Area Support Group Commander .. Col. Dennis W. Dingle  
98th ASG Public Affairs Officer ..... Donald Klingner  
Editor ..... Olivia Feher  
Assistant Editor ..... Elaine Nicholas  
Journalist (Ansbach) ..... Lisa Eichhorn  
Journalist (Bamberg) ..... Cheryl Boujinda  
Journalist (Schweinfurt) ..... Mark Heeter  
Journalist (Kitzingen) .....  
Proofreader ..... Sigrid Peña

Reader contributions are welcome but will be published at the discretion of the editor.





Register for lunches



Van Curen

Effective Aug. 1, those who wish to enroll in schools' free and reduced lunch programs must do so at the Illesheim AST in/out processing, located in building 6516. All you need to bring to enroll is the July leave and earning statement. Spouses may enroll their children without the active duty member present. For more information, call Sgt. Carla Van Curen at 467-4515 or (09841) 83515.

Center hours change

The auto skills center in Illesheim has new hours. The center is open Mon and Fri noon-8 p.m., Tue 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Sat-Sun 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The center is closed on Wed and Thu. For more information, call 467-4608 or (09841) 83608.

Pizza delivery available

Anthony's Pizza now delivers on Katterbach. Delivery orders will be taken Tue-Sat 4:30-8:30 p.m. To order a pizza or for more information, call 467-2816 or (09802) 832816.

Scouts camp out at Soldiers' Lake

The Ansbach Girl Scouts sponsor a summer twilight camp-out at Soldiers' Lake Aug 13-17. It is open to all girls in grades 1-12. There will be crafts, games and outdoor-skill classes. For more information, call Patty Enriquez at (0981) 9774157.

Fill up at buffet

Enjoy a fabulous all-you-can-eat buffet the third Sunday of each month at Soldiers' Lake in Ansbach. It's available for all military ID card holders and is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For menu prices or general information, call (09802) 1635.

Discover Ansbach on foot

Newcomers and old-timers alike are invited to take a historic and invigorating walking tour of Ansbach sponsored by Army Community Service. For more information, call 467-2883 or (09802) 832883.

Enter band competition

The 235th BSB will host the 98th ASG Battle of the Bands competition July 28 at the Terrace Playhouse in Ansbach. All bands must have at least half their members on active duty. Bands interested in entering the competition must sign up by July 26 by calling 468-7600 or (0981) 183600.

235th BSB

The Crusader, 235th Base Support Battalion, editorial office is located in building 5257, Barton Barracks, telephone 468-7649 or (0981) 183649. Mailing address is PAO, Crusader, 235th Base Support Battalion, CMR 463, APO AE 09177.

Internet web site address <http://www.ansbach.army.mil>

The 235th BSB hot line is 468-7800 or (0981) 183800. The patient liaison number is (09841) 83512.

235th BSB  
Commander ..... Lt. Col. Cindy Connally  
Public Affairs Officer ..... Frauke Davis  
Journalist ..... Lisa Eichhorn

Local castle has lots to offer

by Lisa Eichhorn  
CRUSADER

What do the local town of Obernzenn, a World War II American Army officer and the color blue have in common? A castle.

The Blue Castle was built in 1250 A.D. The significance of the color blue is not clear, but the castle is magnificent. The rare thing about this castle is that the original family still lives there. Their ancestors, the Seckendorfs, played a very important part of German history beginning with the Prussian and Austrian monarchies.

One of the most significant times was at the end of World War II, said Edith Schoeneck, an art historian who lives on-site and now gives guided tours of the castle.

"The Seckendorf family is very grateful to an Army officer who came to them three days before the Allied Forces arrived in April 1945 to occupy the castle. He urged the family to remove any items of value so that they would be saved for the future, telling them they would have to leave the castle while the Army was there. He also boarded up the historic portrait gallery, which houses original portraits dating back to 1635. No one entered this room, and they were all saved," she said.

"Count Seckendorf would very much like to find this man or his family to thank him, but he has very little information," she added.

After the Army left the castle, 600 displaced persons were moved in. They were repatriated to the east in 1948. The Seckendorf family was then allowed to move back into the castle.



Lisa Eichhorn

Edith Schoeneck talks with local school children during a tour of the Blue Castle in Obernzenn.

"With much of the castle in need of repair after the war, the family began an aggressive remodeling program in the late 1960s. It is now restored to the original form and we welcome visitors. I also do children's workshops," Schoeneck said.

Frauke Davis, 235th BSB Public Affairs Of-

fice, said this is a wonderful place to take the family, a school group or private organization.

"I hope the local community takes advantage of what this castle has to offer," Davis said.

For more information on arranging tours or workshops, call 468-1600 or (0981) 1831600.

Dream of German wedding comes true

by Lisa Eichhorn  
CRUSADER

Briana Tillman was like most other little girls who dreamed of a fairy tale wedding. Her dream came true June 23. At a quaint little church in Herrieden, Germany, she married her prince. But as in all fairy tales, there is a story that begins long, long ago.

Many years before, when Tillman was only 7 years old, she moved to Herrieden with her parents. Her father was the band leader of the 1st Armored Division Band, whose headquarters at that time was in Ansbach. It was then she met Gerda and Karl Balk. The Balks were her parents' landlords, but soon came to be more than that to her. As she tells it, they were like having a second set of parents.

"I went to a German school and it was very difficult for me at first. Not only was the language a barrier, but I felt like an outsider. Gerda took care of me after school and helped me with my homework. She was great, even when I didn't feel like studying. She never let me

get out of it. She used to tell me she would give me a German wedding, I always remembered that," she said.

As the story continues, Tillman went on to attend West Point. It was there she met and became engaged to Lucious Tillman. When the couple found out they were coming to Germany, there was no question the wedding would take place here.

"I was thrilled when Briana asked us if she could get married here. I only have sons, so Briana and her sister have always been like daughters to me. It's so wonderful to have her back here and so close. This is a dream come true for both my husband and I. I remember how she would cry when she came home from school; now look at her. Things have really come full circle for our families," Balk said.

Now 2nd Lt. Briana Tillman is assigned to the 1st Military Police Company in Wuerzburg, and her husband, also a second lieutenant, is assigned to the 106th Finance Office in Kitzingen.



Courtesy photo

Briana and Lucious Tillman exchange vows during a storybook ceremony in Herrieden.



Lisa Eichhorn

Command changes at 11th Aviation

Brig. Gen. Randal Tieszen, V Corps chief of staff, middle, chats with outgoing commander of 11th Aviation Regiment Col. Rickey Rife, left, and incoming commander Col. William Wolf at the 11th Aviation Regiment change of command. Wolf and his wife, Sandy, come to the regiment from the United States Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. Rife and his family will move to Virginia where he will be assigned to the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Operation Holiday fund-raising has to start now

by Lisa Eichhorn  
CRUSADER

Many people have heard of "Christmas in July" sales at the larger department stores. In that same vein, supporters of Operation Holiday feel that July is also the time to begin fund-raising.

Kathy Hatton coordinates the project for an Army Community Service private organization. Last year 154 families were helped by the more than the \$14,000 raised. Hatton said she always starts asking for donations in July so that when the holiday season gets closer, they know how much money they have to work with.

"We have several raffles to raise money for Operation Holiday

during the late summer and early fall. To do a raffle, though, we need donated gifts. One of the more time-consuming parts of my job is asking businesses and organizations for donations. Since we can't do a raffle without incentives to buy a raffle ticket, we need help," she said.

"This year the donations are coming in very slowly. We are planning to have two raffles in August and could really use some more donated items."

Helping junior enlisted soldiers and their families during the holiday season is a rich



Hatton

American tradition according to Chap. (Maj.) Garet Aldridge, 4th Brigade.

"Whether your family came to America with the pilgrims or through Ellis Island, there were people who lent them a helping hand. From the very beginning our tradition is to help each other out. This is what we do as Americans, good things for other folks," he said.

Hatton added that the families who benefit are always very grateful. "One of the reasons I do this is because I know we touch people in a very special way. I love to see the look in a child's eyes when he or she gets a toy they didn't expect. It's a lot of work for the community, but after all, helping is the very spirit of the holiday season," she said.



### Chaplain on board



**Lagasse** Bamberg welcomes Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ronald Lagasse as the community chaplain replacing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph D'Silva. D'Silva relocates to Ft. Eustis, Virginia. Lagasse moved to Bamberg from the 411th BSB in Heidelberg. He was commissioned in December 1974 and served eleven years in the 49th Military Police Brigade in the National Guard in California. He also served five years in 445 Civil Affairs USAR, and one year in Okinawa, Japan. Lagasse was on active duty in the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

### Go Volksmarching

The Bamberg German-American Wander Club hosts an annual 10 and 20 kilometer walk through Bamberg July 28 and 29 from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. For the first time, there will be a five-kilometer route for families and senior citizens. Starting and finishing lines are at the Life Support Agency on Armeestrasse. For more information call Wolfgang Keller, club president, at (0951) 47490.

### Got talent?

Audition for the musical production of "Oliver" at the Stable Theater August 29 and 30 at 6 p.m. This show features the Bamberg American High School's band. For more information, call 469-8647 or (0951) 3008647.

### Drop kids off

Hourly care is available for 2- to 5-year-olds at the child development center Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours of operation are from 5:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m. To schedule children for hourly care, stop by or call 469-8789 or (0951) 3008789.

### Kick stress out

Learn how to cope with and manage stress. Come to a class July 24 from noon-12:45 p.m. in the Army Community Service building in room 214. Bring your lunch. To sign up, call 469-7777 or (0951) 300777.

### Look no further

Employment opportunities are available as a family child care provider. Get specialized training, learn business management skills, earn money in your home. For more information, call 469-8660 or (0951) 3008660.

### Get a physical

The Bamberg Health Clinic schedules school physicals July 25, August 1,8,15,22 and 29 from 4-7 p.m. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 469-1750 or (0951) 3001750.

## 279th BSB

The Crusader, 279th Base Support Battalion, editorial office is located in building 7089, room 423, Warner Barracks, Bamberg, telephone 469-7581 or (0951) 3007581. Mailing address is PAO, Crusader, 279th Base Support Battalion, Unit 27535, Warner Barracks, APO AE 09139.

The 279th BSB hot line is 469-4800 or (0951) 3004800. Patient liaison number is (0951) 3007492.

Internet web site 279th BSB:  
<http://www.bamberg.army.mil>

279th BSB  
Commander ..... Lt. Col. Timothy Hill  
Public Affairs Officer ..... Renate Bohlen  
Journalist ..... Cheryl Boujnida

# Summer camp turns television off

by Kristina Biggins

Bamberg Public Affairs Office Summer Hire

Bamberg children gave up Pokemon and cartoons to head off to summer camp.

"Television is boring compared to camp," said 9-year-old Luke Perkinson.

All the children unanimously agreed. "Here we go outside and play games, like kickball, we barbecue, sing songs and do other stuff. It's not like sitting at home watching television all day," said Jalen Shabazz, 9.

This year, Camp Adventure has combined forces with school age services, or SAS, and the Boys and Girls Club of America to form an environment suitable for children who were chiseled away from television sets.

Camp Adventure's mission is to provide appropriate programs focused on fitness, recreation, mentoring and life skills.

To keep children motivated, staff takes unique approaches by developing theme-oriented week by week schedules.

"This is different in the purpose it serves, as many camps don't offer a curriculum where kids can make choices. Every week is different, and they're not just playing board games every day," said Scott Waite, a 22-year-old counselor.

Each week has a theme and a field trip. For example, the first week's theme was Sizzling Summer Surprise. Children participated in a Hawaiian luau and danced in grass skirts, visited Nuernberg's notorious Palm Beach, a water park



Kristina Biggins

Left, Michael Bradley, Carry Murley, Alyssa Sanchez, Jalen Shabazz and Luke Perkinson enjoy their day at camp.

and enjoyed a barbecue.

Even with field trips, it's not easy getting children unglued from television, but Camp Adventure does it with ease. Instead, children like 7-year-old Michael Bradley are focused on being a leader.

## Drinking, driving don't mix

by Marietta Palgutt

Bamberg Public Affairs Office Summer Hire

As soon as he heard the roar of the engine, he faced his decision. And, after consuming alcohol, it wasn't a wise one.

"I don't feel drunk," you might say, but yet, the 0.05 alcohol maximum enforced in Germany is easily reached with one beer or a glass of wine.

"In most cases, drunk driving occurs well over the blood-alcohol limit. Even with high consequences, like losing your license and paying fines, people still feel a need to drink and drive. Each year only 10 percent of all drunk drivers are caught," said Rick Sidley, Bamberg's Community Counseling Center clinical director.

German police can stop people without probable cause at any time.

"They don't have to have a reason, like in the United States, to stop you and administer a Breathalyzer test on the spot. American-plated cars are often stopped because there is something wrong with the car. Also, Americans travel at all hours of the day and night due to work schedules," he said.

Sidley explained a myth. "German beer isn't stronger than American beer. It's in the container size. At a German restaurant, beers are often served in half-liter glasses, which is 17 ounces. Compared to 12-ounce American beers, the extra ounces make a difference," he added.

Laws are also different for teenagers in Germany who can drink while in supervision of an adult at the age of 14, and without consent at 16 years of age.

Driving anywhere between 0.05 and 0.08 alcohol per mil will get you a fine of DM300-500 and loss of your license for one month. On a military installation, driving at 0.05 per mil will result in the loss of the license for six months.

"People often think a taxi ride home is a waste of money, but it can be a lifesaver," said Sgt. Douglas Wietlisbach, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 279th BSB.

There are options available to help people make the right choice. "Why drink and drive? Think before you act," Wietlisbach said.



Marietta Palgutt

A shopper takes a bottle off the shelf at the Bamerg Shoppette.



Cheryl Boujnida

## Row your boat

Members of the newly established International Adventure Sports Club row along Bamberg's Regnitz river. The club, sponsored through Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, has teamed up with Bamberg University students to expand adventure opportunities within Bavaria. After canoeing, members enjoyed a barbecue in Hain Park, and next month soldiers and students plan to organize paintball or rock climbing sports. For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 469-1600 or (469) 3001600.

# Summer theater program unmaskes young thespians

by Marietta Palgutt

Bamberg Public Affairs Office Summer Hire

It's just for kids, but parents can come, too.

"Can I stay please?" asked one child in the audience during the rehearsal of "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales," which is a collection of satirical fairy tales with twisted endings.

"They're just really messed-up fairy tales," said David Doherty, Stable Theater manager.

Based on a book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, Kate Leonardo, play director, wrote a script to include three fairy tales and made the tales more suitable for theater. The play is cast



Leonardo

mostly with teenagers and children. The production is designed to occupy children during summer and fill up the audience with kids.

"Audience participation makes theater more enjoyable for kids. Actors running amongst children in the audience can add excitement.

"Plus, the one-hour length of the play makes it easier for a younger audience," Doherty said.

Some of the fairy tales include a red hen looking for her show, a bunch of farm ani-

mals trying to reach the president, a funky smelling cheese man and other laughable tales.

"It is really a funny show. The kids are talented, fun, and very hard working. I hope a lot of people come and see it," Leonardo said.

The Stable Theater presents "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales" July 21 and 22 at 2 p.m. To reserve a seat, call 469-8647 or (0951) 3008647.

Another summertime production at the theater, in association with school age services, is "Hollywood Here I Come" Aug. 6-10.



### Engineers welcome commander



Idlet

Lt. Col. Nathaniel Idlet took command of the 9th Engineer Battalion, replacing outgoing commander Lt. Col. Everett McDaniel July 11. Idlet comes from the Pentagon, where he served as operations branch chief of the office of the chief of engineers. A graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Idlet holds a bachelor's degree in political science. The incoming commander is accompanied by his wife, Donna Marie. They have two children.

### Need training?

The American Red Cross in Schweinfurt is accepting applications until July 31 for its dental assistant training program. The classroom training will be held Aug. 20-31 from 8 a.m.-noon each day; thereafter, volunteers are expected to complete a regiment of hands-on dental assistant training. Those interested can pick up applications at the Red Cross office in building 206. For more information, call 354-1760 or (09721) 961760.

### Visit Disneyland

The Schweinfurt United Service Organization, or USO, offers a trip to Disneyland Paris, which will depart Ledward Barracks Aug. 10 at 10 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Aug. 12. The cost of entry into Disneyland and the hotel stay are included in the charge of \$179 for adults and \$99 for children. For details, call (09721) 804600.

### Club needs members

The Schweinfurt Youth Services, or YS, is looking for people to join its booster club. Those interested in becoming a club member are asked to call 354-6308 or (09721) 966308.

### Town hall meetings set

The next round of town hall meetings for the 280th BSB take place Aug. 6 in Bad Kissingen and Aug. 7 in Schweinfurt. Look for more details about times and locations to be posted throughout the BSB in the days leading up to the town hall meetings.

### Visit fall bazaar

The 280th BSB fall harvest bazaar takes place at Finney Fitness Center on Conn Barracks Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Come out to the shopping extravaganza for everything from arts and crafts to household items for all occasions.

## 280th BSB

The Crusader, 280th Base Support Battalion, editorial office is located in Robertson Hall on Ledward Barracks, Schweinfurt, telephone 354-6381 or (09721) 966381. Mailing address is PAO, Crusader, 280th Base Support Battalion, CMR 457, APO AE 09033.

The 280th BSB hot line is 354-4800 or (09721) 964800.

Internet web site 280th BSB:  
http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil

280th BSB  
Commander ..... Lt. Col. Timothy Gorrell  
Public Affairs Officer ..... George Ohl  
Journalists ..... Mark Heeter  
Cristina Denny

# Troops make training a gas

by Mark Heeter  
CRUSADER

Several meters away from where a crowd of soldiers gathered to discuss training just outside Camp Robertson, Sgt. Karma Hernandez did not say a word, but simply waved her arms and touched her shoulders in a signal recognized by soldiers everywhere.

"Gas! Gas! Gas!" yelled platoon sergeant SFC Jorge Nunez, and the scramble for the masks was underway.

The soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 280th BSB, used Sergeant's Time training June 28 to learn about nuclear, biological and chemical, or NBC, warfare which included a trip through the NBC chamber.

"I just wanted to show you that you need to make sure your mask is prepared," Hernandez told the soldiers after they were given the all clear to remove their masks.

Applying the lessons from prior experience was a valuable tool for Hernandez and some of the other noncommissioned officers during the NBC training. They were able to relate stories from Operations Desert Storm and Shield, in which prior NBC training had proven critical.

The looming potential to be deployed at a moment's notice is often one of the driving forces behind the training HHD leaders choose to have during the five-hour blocks.

Therefore, the noncommissioned officers chose the NBC class to expose soldiers to a real and necessary task in case of a deployment.

For some at the NBC chamber, this was the first time they had walked through since basic training.

"When you get in there, don't panic, don't rush and don't push. There's nothing to be afraid of," said Hernandez, who worked the gases that filled the dimly lit room at the end of the row of bunkers.

One after the other, the students filled the smoke-filled room and the door closed behind them. After a few moments, the muffled sound of clapping, cheering and even "The Army Song" seeped out the door.

After the door swung open and coughing soldiers staggered out, the air cleared and left the NBC chamber available for the next unit to train the force during Sergeant's Time.

*(Editor's Note: This is the final part of a three-part series about Sergeant's Time.)*



Sgt. Travis Nargang helps two soldiers exchange protective gear.



Photos by Mark Heeter

Sgt. Travis Nargang, left, and SSgt. Philip Cooper, both from HHD, 280th BSB, explain the finer points of protection in nuclear, biological and chemical environments.



A 280th BSB Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment soldier takes off his partner's protective footwear.

# Brigade soldiers train with partners

## Good relations important for healthy partnership

by Mark Heeter  
CRUSADER

Seven soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, traveled to Muensingen from July 1-4 to train in a combat shoot with German soldiers.



LeMaster

"The combat shoot was basically about defense," said PFC Nathaniel LeMaster, one of the soldiers who volunteered for the partnership event. While practicing squad-level tactics, the troops learned how the German Army employs listening posts to spot and retaliate against aggressors.

"Everyone goes to their foxholes and waits for what they call a fire trap, which might be like an ambush," LeMaster said. The Americans were grateful for having the chance to train with soldiers from the host nation.

The combat shoot was one of several partnership events 2nd Brigade has scheduled through July, according to brigade partnership officer Mike Cormier, who helped to coordinate

the Americans' visit.

"We always have something going on with the partnership. I'm just glad it worked out with these guys to do this," Cormier said.

"This was a big morale-booster. This unit, in particular, has got a really good track record for partnership events with the German Army," said Spec. Kevin Milligan, another volunteer from HHC, 2nd Bde.

A further benefit from the combat shoot was the chance to train on German weapons systems under the tutelage of the host's noncommissioned officers, according to Milligan.



Milligan



Edmonds

"We also learned how the Germans fire and about their squad-level tactics," Milligan added.

The soldiers said they would like to be able to bring some of the finer training points from the Bundeswehr back to their unit, for example, the differences between the ways the Germans and Ameri-

cans set up fighting positions.

"I think time management was the big thing I learned. They really didn't have anyone sitting around a lot," said Sgt. Luther Edmonds, who also made the trip. Only a small portion of the day was spent relaxing and waiting between stations of the training, according to Edmonds.

***'If you learn something good from training with another unit, it's your responsibility to bring that back.'***

— Spec. Kevin Milligan

Milligan said people who can take part in such training have an extra responsibility to their comrades.

"If you learn something good from training with another unit, I think it's your responsibility to bring that back," he said.

"They were great hosts," Edmonds said, adding that the German troops went out of their way to make sure their guests understood what the training was about at every turn.

# Wet 'n Wild times return again for street festival

by Mark Heeter  
CRUSADER

When they roll out the dunking booth in Schweinfurt, it will be wet, and could even get a little wild.

The 280th BSB Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWR, will celebrate a couple of birthdays with Army Community Service, or ACS, with a "Wet 'n Wild Summer Fest" The festivities will take place in front of building 242, Ledward Barracks July 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Our idea was to have events the entire community would enjoy. We have something for everyone, from a deejay and karaoke to lots of games for the kids," said Patricia Lamson-Poeschel, who coordinated the street festival for ACS.

The ACS, which celebrates its 36th birthday this year, shares the big day with the Chaplains' Corps, which celebrates its 226th birthday.

"Last year, we decided we could tag along with ACS for their birthday," said Chaplain (Maj.) Victor Tadeo, 280th BSB Directorate of Religious Activities.

"We will have a display booth with some pamphlets and brochures about what we do to care for our soldiers and family members," Tadeo said.

Lamson-Poeschel explained that many of the events at the street fest, especially children's activities, will be free, including the fishing games, ring toss and face-painting booths.

"Then we also have some things that will be offered for a minor cost," she said, noting the food booths and dunking booth, a crowd favorite for those seeking a bit of retribution.

The day will begin in front of Kessler Fitness Center with a five-kilometer fun run and two-kilometer walk and buggy push. Preregistration will begin at 8 a.m. and the races will take off one hour later.

"The two-kilometer walk is a stroller-friendly course and there will be prizes for the winners of the run," Lamson-Poeschel said.

The military police will bring their dogs and give a demonstration and root beer floats will be free throughout the day.



### Student wins scholarship



Dowty

Jennifer Dowty of Wuerzburg won a \$1,500 scholarship from the Defense Commissary Agency, or DeCA, June 8. Jennifer's school and community activities include the National Honor Society, the German Honor Society, the marching band and the church youth group. She plans to attend Boston College. The DeCA scholarship competition is sponsored through the Fisher House Foundation.

### Come to open house

Come to the American Red Cross open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Leighton Barracks, building 16, next to the U.S. Post Office, July 20 from 1:30-4 p.m. Check out what the American Red Cross has to offer. Refreshments will be served.

### Let's go shopping

Shop for beautiful crystal and crafts in Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic Aug. 4. For more information, call 355-8629 or (09321) 305629.

### Getting out?

The Army Career and Alumni Program, or ACAP, offers a briefing Aug. 8 on transitioning out of the military. For more information, call 355-2462 or (09321) 702462.

### Fly like an eagle

The Wings of Victory Army Aviation Association has a new membership meeting Aug. 2 at the Glider Club at Giebelstadt Army Airfield. For more information, call 352-7360 or (09334) 877360.

### ACS reopens

The Giebelstadt Army Community Service, or ACS, is now open all day Tuesday for mobilization and deployment readiness and outreach services. On Wednesday, employment readiness services are available all day. For more information, call 350-7103 or (0931) 8897103.

### Get a sure start

Sure Start applications are being accepted at the Wuerzburg Elementary School for school year 2001-2002. Call 350-7169 or (0931) 8897169 for more information.

### Learn to swim

Take swimming lessons at Giebelstadt July 30 to Aug. 13 at a cost of \$35 per person. Call the Giebelstadt Physical Fitness Center at 352-7221 or (09334) 877221 for more information.

## 417th BSB

The Crusader, 417th Base Support Battalion, editorial office is located in building 109, Harvey Barracks, telephone 355-8575 or (09321) 305575. Mailing address is PAO, Crusader, 417th Base Support Battalion, Unit 26124, APO AE 09031.

The 417th BSB hot line is 355-8999 or (09321) 305999.

Phone numbers for patient liaisons are: Kitzingen, 355-8415 or (09321) 305415; Wuerzburg and Giebelstadt, call the 67th Combat Support Hospital, 350-3874 or (0931) 8043874.

417th BSB  
Commander ..... Lt. Col. Russ Hall  
Public Affairs Officer ..... Gabriele Drake  
Journalist .....

# Police join forces, teach kids

## Military, German police show partnership works

by Elaine Nicholas  
CRUSADER

The police, whether they are German or American, don't just go after criminals or give speeding tickets. The true nature of their work is to protect and serve, and this is what they showed to children during a special visit at a kindergarten in Willanzheim.

"It's important to show children that they should not be afraid of us, that we are here to help. In most cases, this is the closest they will get to us," said Frank Freisleben, German police officer, Kitzingen.

The children, hesitant at first, quickly became more excited as they got to try on bulletproof vests, blow whistles, and turn the siren on.

"Teaching kids that the police are your friends is critical, and to show the German children that we have a partnership with the German police will let them know they can come to us as well," said SSgt. Thomas Parisano, 417th BSB Provost Marshal Office.

The children learned how to use the radar gun and Breathalyzer, which was set off by breath freshener. Then they giggled madly as they yelled into the loudspeaker. The children also learned that there are not many differences between the German and military police.

"Teaching the children together has brought us all closer, and the way we portray information is not different, it all ends up the same. Kids are important, no matter what country you are



Elaine Nicholas

**Military and German Police join forces to show vehicles and gear to a group of children at the Willanzheim Kindergarten.**

from," Parisano said.

Seeing an American police vehicle up close was also something new for the children.

"We get a kick out of seeing them so excited. They love seeing the police up close. This is a meaningful experience for them," Freis-

leben said.

Both police officers ended the visit with a contest to see who could blare their siren the loudest. The children clapped and jumped up and down as the wail of the sirens echoed through the village.

# Paintball simulates combat for soldiers

by Elaine Nicholas  
CRUSADER

They come in droves and they stalk, they run, and their shots ring true.

Meet the members of the newest sport that is sweeping the country and military members by storm – paintball.

"This is the most realistic training you will ever get. And it is one of the most popular sports, especially with the younger troops. It's an action sport that definitely simulates shooting and getting shot at," said SFC Kevin Needles, 147th Maintenance Company, Larson Barracks, Kitzingen, and outdoor recreation volunteer.

The sounds of combat and running punctuate

the stillness of the morning.

"This is a big adrenaline rush. I'm not going to jump out of an airplane, what goes up must come down. Here, you get the opportunity to get your opponent, or he gets you. Playing on the weekend has increased the camaraderie in our unit, and if you win, you get bragging rights," said Sgt. Greg Maerki, 147th Maintenance Company.

"It really feels like you are getting shot at, so you learn to maneuver faster and dodge quicker," Maerki said.

In the end, all these players will go home a little bruised and sore, but they still will go home.



Photos by Elaine Nicholas

**A group of soldiers from Giebelstadt take cover and prepare to take out their opponents in a game of 'Capture the Flag' at the Harvey Barracks paintball field.**



**Giebelstadt soldier Alfred Wyman slowly shoots his opponents from behind his barricade.**



**John Stone, also from Giebelstadt, slides to take cover from the opposing force.**

# Captain boosts morale, brings soldiers together

by Elaine Nicholas  
CRUSADER

Capt. Wendy Stringer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, takes the task of handling her soldiers' morale very seriously.

Once a month she gathers her troops and attends to the task of bringing them closer together.

"I start the day with non-profit civilian clothes day, and then at 3 p.m. we get together for a crazy bowling tournament. This is a great opportunity for the soldiers in different platoons to get to know each other," Stringer said.

The friendships and friendly competition are apparent in the sound of laughter, the smack of dominoes and the crash of the

bowling pins.

"When I took command the morale wasn't that high, coming from back-to-back training exercises. I wanted to build the morale of the company, so I decided that at least once a month we would have some sort of function together. Since it's during work hours, they love it, and it's supported by the battalion command," Stringer said.

When the clock hits 5 p.m., no one runs for the door. The bowling continues with claps on the back and smiles all around.

"This really promotes the esprit de corps and the morale of the company, and it promotes unit cohesion. It has made our working environment better," said Sgt. Jason Patrick, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation

Regiment.

"Strong unit morale is the thread that keeps us all together," Stringer said.

"We have activities on the weekends together and this has strengthened our family readiness group. When the troops feel comfortable together, it is easier to bring the family members together as well," Stringer said.

"These activities have really allowed us to get to know each other better, there is more trust, and we work much better together," Patrick said.

"It's important, especially overseas, to have these kinds of friendships in the unit. It makes it easier for everyone when you have a good working relationship," Stringer said.





The Tower of London is one of the most popular tourist attractions and houses the crown jewels, among other treasures.

# London, rich with attractions

by Mark Heeter  
CRUSADER

Piccadilly Circus was bursting with people who covered the enormous intersection on a recent Saturday evening. One comes away with the feeling that this giant crossroads in the heart of London never sleeps.

Once called “the world’s greatest city,” London was the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution and the world’s largest city through the 1800s, according to the World Book Encyclopedia.

The city has retained much of its charm and impressiveness, which is enhanced by the locals’ friendliness and dedication to London’s far-reaching history.

Several famous landmarks and must-see attractions, including Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and the Tower Bridge should top visitors’ lists; however, Great Britain’s capital offers so much more.

In a modern mix of city culture and natural landscaping, the city is filled with parks that draw in passers-by. The most famous are St. James Park and Hyde Park.

At the north side of Hyde Park, Speakers Corner gives spectators the feeling that they are witnessing the birth of demo-

cracy. Preachers and lecturers literally perched on soapboxes entertain and showcase their oratory skills about a wild array of topics.

Just a few hundred meters away, the shopping district along Oxford Street begins and runs through the Mayfair and Soho sections of London.

For those interested in more adventurous shopping, the Camden Town open-air markets in the north of the city offer the flair of flea markets.

Along the main streets of Camden Town, shoppers and sightseers can find souvenirs, clothing and other bargains. The markets are about a 30-minute walk from the center of London.

Covent Garden is also famous for its shopping, but tourists flock to this neighborhood for another reason as well: the street performers.

The street shows in Covent Garden provide spectators with treats of magic, acrobatics and comedy, as the band of regular performers rotates throughout the day.

Whether an intersection magic show or the intersection itself that baffles with its activity of people bustling toward different parts of the city, crowds have something spectacular to see at almost every corner in London.



The entrance to the Camden Town Markets draw shoppers and bargain hunters.



One of the featured orators takes up his post in Speakers Corner.



A face peers from the baroque façade of the Boettingerhaus.



A young boy passes by the Boettingerhaus on his way home from school.



Richard Mayer stands next to a Salvador Dali gouache entitled “The Fruit Vendor.”



Tina Rueckert and 2nd Lt. James Kane sort through prints at Richard Mayer’s gallery.

## COLLECTOR

From Page 1

“Someone once said it’s not an art to paint, but rather an art to sell what you’ve painted,” he said.

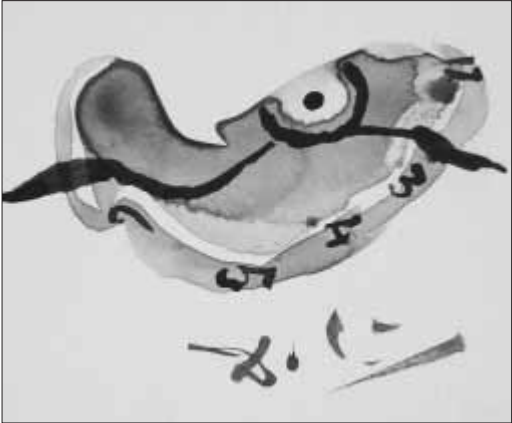
Mayer’s other artful abilities include the organization of 30 exhibitions throughout Germany and Switzerland each year, a task unattained by other galleries.

“Some days, almost 150,000 people have been known to attend an exhibition. It’s amazing how art impacts us,” he said.

Whether art imitates life, or life imitates art, Mayer is still collecting. His most recent acquisition includes 69 graphic works of well-known artists from 1973-75, entitled “America’s Homage to Picasso,” and premieres soon. Some of the artists are Joan Miro, Christo, Ronald Brooks Kitaj, David Hockney and Walasse Ting. Each created a specific work in Picasso’s honor.

“His talent for collecting is an art form in itself. He thinks creatively,” said Dr. Delome Greenwald-Schmitt.

Original art is compelling, but isn’t attainable to all. Leafing through a pile of prints at Mayer’s gallery, located on Bamberg’s old bridge, 2nd Lt. James Kane and Tina Rueckert said that they look forward to choosing art prints for their home when they marry next year.



A Salvador Dali water color depicts a melting clock, a prevailing theme in many of his works.



## Runners make their tracks through the city streets

Runners sprint down Luitpoldstrasse competing in Bamberg's German-American 10-kilometer run July 1. Approximately 245 competitors ran the course. Seventh Corps Support Group hosted the 10-kilometer run held in conjunction with the annual German-American fest. Company C, 82nd Engineer Battalion, placed first for unit competition winning the commander's cup, and Company C, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery (MLRS1), won a trophy for the largest number of soldiers who ran. Top three runners in the men's category of 19- to 34-year olds are SPC Roy Sandoval, Capt. Winston Symmes, and MSgt. Robert Dickerson. Top three placers for 35-year-olds and over are Sgt. Armando Sanchez, SFC Carsten Zoldy and Spec. Michael Blassigame. In the women's category, top three placers for 19- to 34-year-olds are Capt. Sheri Schweiker, Sgt. Anita Clark and Anika Leithner. For ages 35 and over, the top three placers are CWO 3 Pam Callaway, Cynthia Ybarra and Maj. Karin Fisher.



Cheryl Boujnida

# Bamberg takes free tourney title

by Mark Heeter  
CRUSADER

A softball team from the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, in Bamberg walked away from Kessler Field in Schweinfurt with the championship from the free and open tournament July 4.

In addition to the representatives from Bamberg, a team from Kitzingen and nine teams from the host community competed for the title in the tournament, which was spread over a five-day period.

Bamberg used powerful bats and strong defense to defeat a team from Schweinfurt 26-9 in the final game. The previous evening, the teams split a doubleheader to force the championship on Independence Day.

"This was definitely Bamberg's tournament. They just dominated," said umpire Bob Ryder, who was an official for several of the contests.

After the coin toss at the beginning of the championship game, Schweinfurt posted the game's first two runs in the top of the inning.

Bamberg stepped up to take the plate and, by the time the first inning was over, the game was out of reach for Schweinfurt. Bamberg used heavy hitting to swing all the way through the lineup in one inning.

Comparing the game to those of the previous evening, Schweinfurt outfielder Larry Wilder was disappointed in the team's play.

"Last night, we played like ballplayers. Today, we just fell apart," Wilder said. He added that missed defensive opportunities in the outfield compounded the problems Bamberg was creating with its solid hitting.

Schweinfurt was able to score one or two runs in each of the next couple of innings, but it was not enough to overcome the lead Bamberg had amassed. After three innings, the soon-to-be champions had a commanding 18-5 lead.

The bottom of the sixth inning – an eight-run effort – was the final blow for Schweinfurt, leading to the 26-9 final.

"We were trying to go deep instead of going for base hits when we knew the wind was against us," said Schweinfurt coach Donald Lee after the game.

## Roundup

### Shoot hoops

Ready to shoot some hoops? Here's your chance at Bamberg's summer basketball league for children ages 10-15. Register at youth services located in the Army Community Service building. For more information, call 469-8871 or (0951) 3008871.

### Get in shape

The Kessler Fitness Center and Finney Fitness Center on Conn Barracks, Schweinfurt, offers cardiovascular equipment, free weights, basketball and racquetball courts. Hours vary for both centers. For more information on operation hours, call 353-8234 or (09721) 968234.

### Ambassadors coming

2ti:The Harlem Ambassadors, a basketball exhibition team, will visit the 280th BSB Aug. 14 for a youth assembly and exhibition game against a team of local players. The event takes place at the Kessler Fitness Center. For details, call 354-6474 or (09721) 966474.

### Go whitewater rafting

Experience the thrill of raging white caps Aug.10 through 12 as you ride the river, explore rugged canyons, and experience downhill mountain biking. Call Harvey Outdoor Recreation for more information at 355-8629 or (09321) 305629.



Roger Teel

## It's in the hole

Wuerzburg resident Lee Mawby scored a hole-in-one July 5 at the Kitzingen Golf Club. Mawby scored the ace using a five iron on the 191-yard par three 6th hole. The ace came during the club's weekly Thursday Night Scramble and was witnessed by his playing partners. This is Mawby's second hole-in-one at Kitzingen.



Elaine Nicholas

## Have a ball

Hall of Fame pitcher Ferguson Jenkins signs a baseball for fan SSgt. Mark Stiftinger, 67th Forward Surgical Team, Giebelstadt Army Airfield. Jenkins, on a Baseball Heroes tour, stopped by the Wuerzburg Shoppette to sign autographs and talk baseball with some die-hard baseball fans.

# Wuerzburg second in USAREUR

by Lisa Eichhorn  
CRUSADER

The Wuerzburg Rockies topped off a story-book season by taking second place in the USAREUR youth baseball championships, losing to the more experienced Heidelberg Lions.

Only four teams made it to the two-day tournament, sponsored by the 235th BSB in

Ansbach June 22-24. Teams from Vilseck and Wiesbaden rounded out the top four in USAREUR. These teams gave fans some great baseball to watch.

In the first game of the double elimination tournament, Wiesbaden beat Heidelberg 16-14. The game was tied in the 16th-inning 9-9, but Wiesbaden was too strong and came



Lisa Eichhorn

Heidelberg's Jacob Patrick takes his turn at bat with Wuerzburg catcher Brad Brown ready for the pitch.

back for the win. This put Heidelberg in the losers' bracket.

In the second game, Wuerzburg beat Vilseck 20-10. Wuerzburg player Quinten Butts had an in-the-park homerun to help seal the deal.

The next day, Heidelberg stomped Vilseck in a 17-9 win, with Wuerzburg beating Wiesbaden in a close game 11-10. After an hour break, the boys took the field again, where Heidelberg beat Wiesbaden 16-14. Ironically it was the same point spread as the first game with Heidelberg coming out on top this time.

The final day of play for the championship was a grueling double header between Wuerzburg and Heidelberg, with only a one-hour break in between. Heidelberg beat Wuerzburg decidedly in both matches, with a 20-5 decision in the final game. Heidelberg took the trophy for the second time in three years.

Strong pitching from Heidelberg's number 15 Jacob Patrick won the game. He pitched 7 innings with 15 strike-outs and no walks. Patrick will move up into the varsity league next year. Patrick was surprised at the strength of the Wuerzburg team. "I thought we would be able to walk right through this. We had played all the teams before, except Wuerzburg. Those guys are good, they gave us a run for our money," he said.

Wuerzburg's catcher Brad Brown said even though he was disappointed with the outcome, the team was happy to have placed second in USAREUR. "I think we could have beat them, I know our team is that good. But, we'll be back next year, we'll show them then," Brown said.



### Cook up friendship



Collins

The Giebelstadt Protestant congregation celebrates Friendship Sunday with a cookout after the service July 22 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. A concert featuring the Supertones, a Christian rock group, will perform at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield, hangar 607, at 4 p.m. There will be a \$5 cover charge for this event. For information, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Collins at 352-7407 or (09334) 877138.

### Attend retreat

Have you forgotten the art of communicating with your spouse? Attend the 280th BSB marriage retreat at Hospitality House, Ohmstr.8, Niederwerrn, July 27 from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are required. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Middlebrooks at 354-6290 or (09721) 966290.

### Learn skills

Attend the study of Joshua's Men at the Ledward Chapel, Schweinfurt, July 28 from 7:45-9 a.m., and learn spiritual and leadership development skills that can help you to face life's battles. Breakfast is provided so reservations are requested. Call 354-6290 or (09721) 966290 for more information.

### Celebrate with chaplaincy

The 280th BSB Army chaplains will co-celebrate their 226th anniversary with the Army Community Service's, or ACS's, 36th anniversary with an open house. Club Beyond will host a scavenger hunt for kids and there will be games, music, food booths and free root beer floats and cake for attendees. The birthday bash will take place on the street adjacent to ACS and Ledward Chapel July 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 354-6290 or 354-6486.

### Enjoy a sundae

Giebelstadt Chapel marks the Army Chaplaincy anniversary with a Sundae Sunday at the chapel July 29 at 6:30 p.m. for all participating congregations.

### Be an explorer

Share the Polar Expedition vacation Bible school experience at Wuerzburg American High School July 30-Aug. 3 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Volunteers are still needed. For information or to preregister, call Leighton Chapel at 350-6705 or (0931) 8896705.

### Join fun, fellowship

Katterbach and Barton chapels have a summer barbecue at the Katterbach American High School July 28 at 11 a.m. For more information, call 467-2785 or (09802) 832785.

## Chapel Life

Chapel Life is a monthly supplement to the CRUSADER sponsored by the 98th ASG Staff Chaplain's Office, Faulenberg Kaserne, building 208, room 419, phone 351-1370 or (0931) 29641370. Mailing address is 98th ASG Staff Chaplain, Unit 26622, APO AE 09244.

Chaplain ..... Col. James Daniels  
Project Officer ..... Caroline Lohmann  
Promotions Coordinator ..... Sabine Hanbury

# Kids chill out at Polar Expedition

by Cristina Denny  
CRUSADER

Almost 200 children from kindergarten through fifth grade took part in the Schweinfurt Vacation Bible School Program this year.

The program was held at the Schweinfurt Elementary School June 25-29.

"This is an outstanding initiative because children learn about Christ. They learn how to become good Christians and to live in accordance with good moral values. I used to volunteer in a similar program like this when I was stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C.," said Kim Pritt, a first-year volunteer at the Schweinfurt Vacation Bible School.

"All military branches, Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, organize such a program for the children in the summer, which is similar to ours," said Joyce Karanja, Protestant religious education coordinator.

According to Katie McMaster, Catholic religious education coordinator, the program has been very successful thanks to the outstanding help of the many volunteers ranging from older children to parents.

"It's a joint program between Protestants and Catholics. Overall we have 107 volunteers, and I can really say that they have been a great help," McMaster said.

"The Bible program is a unique opportunity for children because what they learn during these five days they will always remember throughout their lives. We teach them good principles, the love for God, and, hopefully, they will always follow the right path," Karanja said.

"I like children very much, and that's why I decided to be part of the program. I'm confident my help will make a difference in these child-



Cristina Denny

**Children of different ages complete assignments at the Schweinfurt Vacation Bible School during the last week of June.**

ren's lives, leading them to become good Christian citizens," said 13-year-old Tinesha Moten, eighth-grade student and first-time volunteer in the Bible program.

Sign up early for next year's program. Registration usually starts in May and parents can call 354-6662 or (09721) 966662 or their local chapel for more information.

# Survivor visits Giebelstadt troops

## Prayer breakfast guest speaker enthalls troops

by Spec. Kris Steward  
69th Air Defense Artillery PAO

A Holocaust survivor who endured the horrors of World War II described his experiences and offered thanks to U.S. soldiers abroad as he spoke at a prayer breakfast sponsored by the 12th Aviation Brigade in Giebelstadt July 3.

"Freedom happened to me May 6, 1945," said Michael Walter. "I'm thankful to the American people that this wonderful effort was made."

Walter was incarcerated in four different concentration camps created by the Nazi regime. He and more than 16,000 other prisoners were

liberated from the Ebensee concentration camp in Austria by the 3rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, U.S. Army.

Walter said the liberation of the Ebensee camp was unique because just three hours beforehand, the prison guards had threatened to kill the prisoners with dynamite.

"When the first American tank came through the gate, we were frozen. When they opened the turret and we saw the first American soldier wearing his war paint, we were overcome with joy," Walter said.



Walter

Walter emphasized the significance of the U.S. Army's mission in Europe.

"Your presence here is of tremendous importance as you are contributing to the stability and peace of the whole world," Walter said to enraptured Giebelstadt soldiers.

Walter emigrated to America in 1947.

He said he never had any intentions to move back to Europe, but in 1963 he returned to Germany and traveled to his homeland, Poland, in search of kin. He found no relatives who had survived, but he did meet a young Polish woman, whom he later married.

When asked why he lives in Germany today, Walter replied: "To show that people like me can live here."

# Couples learn how to listen well

by Spec. Kris Steward  
69th Air Defense Artillery PAO

Soldiers are trained to fight, but two brigades of the 417th Base Support Battalion are training soldiers to prevent fighting, and they're giving their troops the tools they need to keep peace on the homefront.

Twenty-three married couples from the 12th Aviation Brigade and 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, gathered at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield chapel June 28 to participate in a pilot program promoting healthy relationships.

"This is not marriage therapy, nor religious counseling. It's a program to enrich marriages and strengthen family relationships," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Collins, 12th Aviation Brigade chaplain.

The Building Strong and Ready Families Program, or BSRF, was introduced to the U.S. Army two years ago through the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

The program focuses on teaching couples effective communication skills and measures to prevent divorce and marital distress.

"Marital distress affects a soldier's ability to perform his or her duties. Anything you can do to strengthen families will strengthen the military," Collins said.

Through workshops and group exercises, the soldiers and their spouses learned problem solving skills, methods to voice concerns and techniques for better listening.

"Your basic beliefs help you filter information. Determine how you use filters to interpret

what the other person is saying," said Caroline Lohmann, 98th ASG Religious Education director and one of the coaches.

Alejandra Jacobi, a native of Mexico who participated in the program with her husband of ten months, Spec. Kurt Jacobi, of Company A, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, said the differences in culture and language sometimes create barriers in her marriage.

"Communication has never really been a big factor. Now I can see how some things can be taken the wrong way," Jacobi said.

A new rotation of 30 couples from Schweinfurt will begin the program in August. The program is being tested at Giebelstadt, but will eventually go Army-wide.

# Moving in the military can be positive or negative

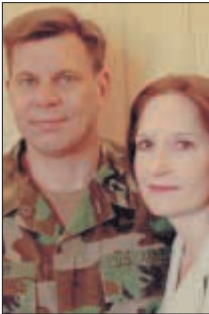
by Chaplain (Maj.) Warren and Peggy Kirby  
98th ASG Resource Chaplain

Seventeen years, 10 moves, seven schools, three deployments, and one unaccompanied tour later, here we are moving again.

The places may change, but every move is full of its own anxieties, yet full of unexpected surprises. For instance, this is our second tour to Germany; however, it's the third trip for our furniture.

"In 1990-91 Warren went to Korea and the children and I moved onto post at Fort Hood, Texas. While Warren was away, the military, at our request, stored a large portion of our furniture.

"When he returned and we moved to Fort Monmouth, N.J., we requested delivery of the household goods we had placed in storage. However, when our household goods arrived, they were in crates with German custom seals still attached. At that time we



Kirbys

byes to family and friends; they would surely have a different perspective of how glamorous our lives really are. However, they

had never been to Europe.

"With every move it's always the same questions - what do we send as hold baggage, what do we mail, what do we leave in storage, and what do we leave behind with family.

"Then the big question, will everything else fit in the suitcase or car?

"When civilians look at us, they usually say, 'Wow, you get to travel and see the world.' If only they could spend one week with us during our planning, packing, change of address cards and saying good-

are correct in believing that we are fortunate people."

You would think that after 17 years of moving, it would get easier. For the most part you learn what to expect from moving and transitioning into a new environment. But as years pass, you begin to confront your own mortality and that of your family members.

Through experiencing the death of family members while either deployed or stationed overseas, you come to appreciate with reverence all your times together as well as your goodbyes with aging parents or grown children. It's at times like these that you look at what you are doing and realize that it requires a special calling.

"You don't have to be a chaplain to understand this, but you do have to be a soldier, and you do have to be a dedicated and loving spouse to support them in their calling."